

fibrous polymeric material comprises molecularly oriented polymeric fibers of maximum dimension 1 mm and a recrystallised melt phase, the fibers and melt phase being of the same polymer and being derived from common molecularly oriented precursor polymeric fibers by melting a proportion of the polymer of the precursor fibers, the recrystallised melt phase consisting of from 5% to 50% by weight of the polymeric material and having a melting point less than that of the molecularly oriented fiber so as to join areas of adjacent fibers to form a network or continuous three dimensional matrix which binds the fibers and filler together.